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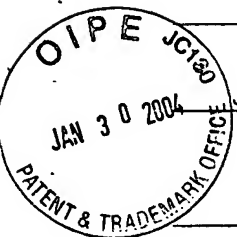
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Our Case No. 659/793

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael A. Schmidt et al.

Serial No. 10/027,467

Filing Date: December 20, 2001

For AUTOMATIC SHEET THREADING
AND CUTTING DEVICE AND
METHOD

Examiner

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the amended section on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the attached replacement drawing sheets and in the explanation on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.